

shall provide grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institutions to establish and maintain not less than 3, and not more than 5, centers of excellence for new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies, to be located in various regions throughout the United States.

(B) GENERAL OPERATION.—Each center shall—

(i) conduct research on new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies that are relevant to the geographical region in which the center is located, including stormwater and sewer overflow reduction, other approaches to water resource enhancement, alternative funding approaches, and other environmental, economic, and social benefits, with the goal of improving the effectiveness, cost efficiency, and protection of public safety and water quality;

(ii) maintain a listing of—

(I) stormwater control infrastructure needs; and

(II) an analysis of new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies that are available;

(iii) analyze whether additional financial programs for the implementation of new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies would be useful;

(iv) provide information regarding research conducted under clause (i) to the national electronic clearinghouse center for publication on the Internet website established under paragraph (3)(B)(i) to provide to the Federal Government and State, Tribal, and local governments and the private sector information regarding new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies;

(v) provide technical assistance to State, Tribal, and local governments to assist with the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of stormwater control infrastructure projects that use innovative technologies;

(vi) collaborate with institutions of higher education and private and public organizations, including community-based public-private partnerships and other stakeholders, in the geographical region in which the center is located; and

(vii) coordinate with the other centers to avoid duplication of efforts.

(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible institution shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require.

(3) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CLEARINGHOUSE CENTER.—Of the centers established under paragraph (1)(A), 1 shall—

(A) be designated as the “national electronic clearinghouse center”; and

(B) in addition to the other functions of that center—

(i) develop, operate, and maintain an Internet website and a public database that contains information relating to new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and

(ii) post to the website information from all centers.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under subparagraph (A), not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

(C) STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT GRANTS.—

(1) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall provide grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to carry out stormwater control infrastructure projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies in accordance with this subsection.

(2) STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

(A) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—The Administrator may make planning and development grants under this subsection for the following projects:

(i) Planning and designing stormwater control infrastructure projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies, including engineering surveys, landscape plans, maps, long-term operations and maintenance plans, and implementation plans.

(ii) Identifying and developing standards necessary to accommodate stormwater control infrastructure projects, including those projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies.

(iii) Identifying and developing fee structures to provide financial support for design, installation, and operations and maintenance of stormwater control infrastructure, including new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies.

(iv) Developing approaches for community-based public-private partnerships for the financing and construction of stormwater control infrastructure technologies, including feasibility studies, stakeholder outreach, and needs assessments.

(v) Developing and delivering training and educational materials regarding new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies for distribution to—

(I) individuals and entities with applicable technical knowledge; and

(II) the public.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—The Administrator may make implementation grants under this subsection for the following projects:

(i) Installing new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies.

(ii) Protecting or restoring interconnected networks of natural areas that protect water quality.

(iii) Monitoring and evaluating the environmental, economic, or social benefits of stormwater control infrastructure technologies that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technology.

(iv) Implementing a best practices standard for stormwater control infrastructure programs.

(3) APPLICATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, to be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible entity shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require, including, as applicable—

(A) a description of the stormwater control infrastructure project that incorporates new and emerging, but proven, technologies;

(B) a plan for monitoring the impacts and pollutant load reductions associated with the stormwater control infrastructure project on the water quality and quantity;

(C) an evaluation of other environmental, economic, and social benefits of the stormwater control infrastructure project; and

(D) a plan for the long-term operation and maintenance of the stormwater control infrastructure project and a tracking system, such as asset management practices.

(4) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to applications submitted on behalf of—

(A) a community that—

(i) has municipal combined storm and sanitary sewers in the collection system of the community; or

(ii) is a small, rural, or disadvantaged community, as determined by the Administrator; or

(B) an eligible entity that will use not less than 15 percent of the grant to provide service to a small, rural, or disadvantaged community, as determined by the Administrator.

(5) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—

(A) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—

(i) SINGLE GRANT.—The amount of a single planning and development grant provided under this subsection shall be not more than \$200,000.

(ii) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The total amount of all planning and development grants provided under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total amount made available to carry out this subsection.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

(i) SINGLE GRANT.—The amount of a single implementation grant provided under this subsection shall be not more than \$2,000,000.

(ii) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The total amount of all implementation grants provided under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be not more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total amount made available to carry out this subsection.

(6) FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of a grant provided under this subsection shall not exceed 80 percent of the total project cost.

(B) CREDIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—The Administrator shall credit toward the non-Federal share of the cost of an implementation project carried out under this subsection the cost of planning, design, and construction work completed for the project using funds other than funds provided under this section.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which the Administrator first awards a grant under this section, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that includes, with respect to the period covered by the report—

(1) a description of all grants provided under this section;

(2) a detailed description of—

(A) the projects supported by those grants; and

(B) the outcomes of those projects;

(3) a description of the improvements in technology, environmental benefits, resources conserved, efficiencies, and other benefits of the projects funded under this section;

(4) recommendations for improvements to promote and support new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure, including research into new and emerging technologies, for the centers, grants, and activities under this section; and

(5) a description of existing challenges concerning the use of new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section (except for subsection (b)) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under paragraph (1), not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

SA 1489. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; as follows:

Strike section 3 and insert the following:

SEC. 3. COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE FOR CRUISE SHIPS; RESUMPTION OF CRUISE SHIP OPERATIONS.

(a) COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE FOR CRUISE SHIPS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the earlier of 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act or June 1, 2021, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section as the “Director”) and in consultation with the interagency working group established under paragraph (3), shall issue recommendations for how to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 introduction, transmission, and spread among passengers and crew onboard cruise ships and ashore to communities. The Secretary may later update or modify such recommendations as necessary to mitigate such risks.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The recommendations issued under paragraph (1) shall be applicable to all cruise ships subject to the order entitled “No Sail Order and Suspension of Further Embarkation”, issued by the Director on March 24, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 16628), or any modification to, or extension of, such order.

(3) WORKING GROUP.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, an interagency working group, for purposes of developing, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the recommendations described in paragraph (1), in order to facilitate the resumption of passenger cruise ship operations in the United States.

(B) MEMBERS.—The interagency working group shall consist of—

(i) the Secretary (or designee) serving as Chair;

(ii) the Secretaries (or designees) of Transportation, of Homeland Security, and of Commerce; and

(iii) industry stakeholders appointed by the Secretary.

(C) SCOPE OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—In developing the recommendations described in paragraph (1), the interagency working group shall consider public health safety needs; risk mitigation strategies and health protocols for passengers and crew that are consistent with, and not substantially more burdensome than, the guidance applied by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to other business sectors and travel-related industries; and overall economic impacts, costs, and benefits of the recommendations.

(b) RESUMPTION OF CRUISE SHIP OPERATIONS.—On the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall revoke the order entitled “Framework for Conditional Sailing and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew”, issued by the Director on November 4, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 70153), under the authority of sections 361

and 365 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264; 268), and any other order or regulation that prohibits the operation of all cruise ships in United States waters, requires such ships to obtain approval from the Director prior to operating, or otherwise acts as a de facto prohibition for cruise ship operations in the United States.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Secretary to make and enforce such regulations that, in the judgment of the Secretary, are necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases on any individual cruise ship presenting a public health threat by reason of the existence of any communicable disease.

SA 1490. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; as follows:

Strike section 3.

SA 1491. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; as follows:

Strike section 2 and all that follows and insert the following:

SEC. 2. VOYAGES DEEMED FOREIGN.

Any voyage carrying 800 or more passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska shall be deemed a foreign voyage for purposes of the law of the United States for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on October 1, 2021.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a briefing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-591, as amended by Public Law 102-221, appoints the following member of the United States Senate for appointment as a Senate Trustee to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: The Honorable JOE MANCHIN III of West Virginia.

The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 108-286, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Honorable JEFF MERKLEY of Oregon (Chairman); The Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California; the Honorable ANGUS S. KING JR of Maine; and The Honorable JON OSSOFF of Georgia.

The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 116-156, on behalf of the